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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 8, 2008, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered into the above-captioned application.

Applicants request a one-month extension of time along with the response.

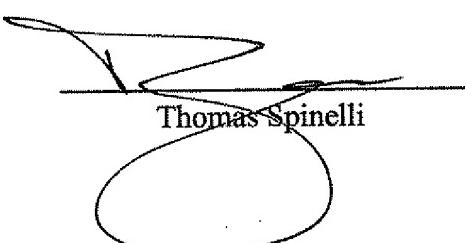
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